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REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A character input keyboard as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the existing ENTER/RETURN key at the extreme right of the upper and/or central row in the middle key-array is replaced by a BACKSPACE key and/or other operational key or symbol keys of high frequency.

6. (Amended) A character input keyboard as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 or 2, characterized in that said keyboard is separated or foldably divided into right and left halves, said pair of the right and left front keys functioning as either of a ENTER/RETURN key and a SPACE key being included in said right and left halves thereof, respective.